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Historical.
Board of Delegates.
Regular monthly meeting of the Board was held on Thursday, 8th April 1852.
Chief Engineer in the chair.
Roll called, 14 members present.
Minutes of previous meeting read and after being amended were adopted.
Communication from Chairman of General Committee of arrangements for the celebration of 23d. Feb., was received and read, and after lengthy discussion, the following motion was made.
Resolved, That the Board do not hold themselves responsible for hire of carriage.
Yeas and Nays called.
Yeas—Wason, Simons, Batturs, Rand, McCarty, Cutter, Buckingham—7.
Nays—Castree, Haste, Gibbs, Brinsmade, Van Bokkelen—5.

Motion lost. Motion to lay on table, carried.
Chief Engineer presented a draft of a Bill before the Legislature, presented by Senator Van Buren, which was read, relating to exemption of Firemen from jury duty.
On motion, the Constitution was taken up, and Article 9, declared in order.

Mr. Haste of California No. 4, moved that Art. 9 be stricken out. Yeas and Nays called.
Yeas—Castree, Simons, Wason, Rand, McCarty, Haste, Cutter, Batturs, Gibbs, Brinsmade, Van Bokkelen—11.
Nays—Buckingham—1.

Being carried, article 9 was stricken out.
On motion, a committee of 3 were appointed to draft and report in 10 minutes, a 3rd article. Chief Engineer, McCarty, Buckingham, Van Bokkelen, were appointed said committee.
Board adjourned for 10 minutes.

Upon re-assembling of the Board, the committee reported the following as Art. 9th.
"A company shall consist of one foreman, and at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and not less than 25 Certificate Members, who shall have assigned to them or in their possession, either an Engine or Hook and Ladder apparatus, or Hose Cart, or the necessary equipments of their organization. There shall not be allowed to any engine company more than 65 certificate members; to hook and ladder company, 65 certificate members; to sappers and miners, 25 certificate members, and the Board of Delegates shall classify the various engines with a first and second class. The first class shall be entitled to sixty-five certificate members, and the second class, be entitled to fifty certificate members, which was received and the committee discharged.

Moved to adopt the same as article 9th, upon which the yeas and nays were called.
Yeas—Castree, Wason, Simons, Rand, McCarty, Buckingham, Cutter, Haste, Gibbs, Brinsmade, Van Bokkelen—11.
Nays—Batturs—1.

Whereupon, the article 9th was declared adopted.
J. H. Cutter moved, "That the constitution be adopted on the whole, upon which the yeas and nays were called."
Yeas—Castree, Wason, Simons, Rand, McCarty, Haste, Cutter, Buckingham, Gibbs, Brinsmade, Van Bokkelen—11.
Nays—Batturs—1.

Whereupon the following was declared adopted as the Constitution of the San Francisco Fire Department.
Constitution of San Francisco Fire Department, Adopted by Board of Delegates, April 8, '52.
ART. 1.
This Board shall be known as "The Board of Delegates of the Fire Department of the City of San Francisco."

ART. 2.
The Officers of the Board shall be "The Chief Engineer (ex-officio) President. A Secretary and a Treasurer."
ART. 3.
The members of this Board shall consist of two Delegates, from each Fire Engine, Hook and Ladder and Hose, and company of Sappers and Miners, with the Chief and Assistant Engineers.

ART. 4.
One fourth of all the members on the roll, shall form a quorum to transact business.
ART. 5.
The President shall only have the casting vote.
ART. 6.
The Chief and Assistant Engineers shall be entitled to participate in debate, and to all the privileges of members, and the Assistant Engineers shall, in the absence of the President preside in accordance with their rank.

ART. 7.
Regular meetings to be held on the second Wednesday in each month, at seven and a half o'clock P. M., at such place as may be designated at a previous meeting.
ART. 8.
Special meetings shall be called by the Chief Engineer, when in his opinion business shall warrant the call. Or at the request of any three members of the Board in writing, and require an advertisement for two consecutive days in one or more of the daily newspapers of the city, and at such special meeting one third of the members must be present to transact business.

ART. 9.
A company shall consist of one Foreman and at least one Assistant Foreman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and not less than twenty-five certificate members who shall have assigned to them or in their possession either an Engine, or Hook and Ladder apparatus, or Hose Cart, or the necessary equipments of their organization.
There shall not be allowed to any Engine Company more than sixty-five certificate members. To Hook and Ladder Company, sixty-five certificate members. To Sappers and Miners, twenty-five certificate members, and the Board of Delegates shall classify the various engines into a first class and second class. The first class shall be entitled to sixty-five certificate members, and the second class shall be entitled to fifty certificate members.

ART. 10.
The Secretary of each company shall report semi-annually the roll of his company, stating the number of men enrolled who are active firemen and doing duty as such, also the names of persons elected, resigned or expelled from the company, and such other information as he may deem expedient.

ART. 11.
The Foreman and Assistants shall have a white front piece on their hats, with the number and name of their company thereon. The Engineers shall have white hats, with their grade of office thereon. The Foreman and Assistants of Hooks and Ladders and Hose Companies, shall have a Hook and Ladder or coil of Hose painted on their Hat front, in addition to the name and number.

ART. 12.
Appeals from the decision of the Engineers or the Officers of any company, shall be heard and decided by the Board of Delegates.
ART. 13.
All Officers and Standing Committees, (the President excepted) shall invariably be elected by ballot. One fourth of all the delegates necessary to a choice.

ART. 14.
The Department to have a seal. All orders must be signed by the President and Secretary.
ART. 15.
A certificate shall be given to each active member of the Fire Companies, duly reported to the Department upon his paying two dollars to the Secretary, who shall pay the same over to Treasurer, after first defraying the expenses of getting up the certificates.

ART. 16.
No person shall under any circumstance, be permitted to vote at any Fireman's Election; he for Company officers or officers of the Department, without his being a certificate member.
ART. 17.
The Board of Delegates shall at the first regular meeting, after the adoption of this constitution, elect five persons from the Fire Department, who shall be styled "Trustees of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable Fund," to serve until the annual meeting of the Board in November, 1852, when the Board shall elect five persons, who shall serve one, two, and three years, parties elect draw lots for their respective terms, and at the annual meeting in 1853, one shall be elected to serve three years, and thereafter, at such annual meetings one or more to be elected for term of three years, as the case may be. All vacancies, by death, removal, resignation, or otherwise, in the Board of Trustees, to be filled by the Board of Delegates at the first regular meeting of the Board, after such vacancy may occur. Any member of the Board of Delegates elected as Trustee, his seat shall be declared vacant.

ART. 18.
The duties of the trustees shall be to solicit donations to the Fire Department Charitable Fund; pay to the Treasurer of the Fund all monies received for the same; and to receive and record all donations that may be collected (reserving five hundred dollars for incidental expenses), in approved security on real estate, valued at four times the amount loaned. All securities or mortgages to be taken in the name of the trustees of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable Fund. All orders on the Treasurer to be signed by at least three of said Trustees, and without which endorsement no order shall be valid or paid. The Trustees, Chief Engineer, and Treasurer being the only parties authorized to receive and record for money on behalf of the Department Fund. Trustees shall personally attend to all applications for relief of indigent members of the Department, and tender them such pecuniary assistance as they may deem proper, provided the sum so expended shall not exceed fifty dollars per month to each applicant, or for neglect or inattention to their duties, or for any conduct unbecoming a gentleman, the Board of Trustees, and Treasurer, shall be authorized to remove such member or members by a two third vote of those present at the meeting of the Board.

ART. 19.
The Board of Delegates shall also elect a Treasurer, to be styled "Treasurer of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable Fund"—to hold office one year. The person elected, after adoption of this constitution, to hold office until the annual meeting in November, 1852, when and thereafter such election for Treasurer shall be held yearly at the annual meeting of the Board. He shall receive and receipt for all monies paid him by the Trustees, Chief Engineer, and others. Keep a correct account of the same in books provided for that purpose, pay all orders drawn on him by the Trustees, properly indorsed, which orders shall hereby be his voucher for the same, return a semi-annual report to the Board of Delegates, and a printed report at the annual meeting of receipts and disbursements, his books shall be at all times open to the inspection of the Trustees, and give good and sufficient bond in the sum of five thousand dollars, for the faithful performance of his duty, to the Trustees of the San Francisco Fire Department Charitable Fund.

ART. 20.
All officers belonging to the Fire Department shall be amenable to the Board of Delegates for the performance of their duty, and if they be tried before the board, and expelled, if guilty, as per ordinance, No. 198.

ART. 21.
This Constitution shall be submitted to the Common Council for their approval, and printed copies of the same shall be put up in a conspicuous place in each engine house.

ART. 22.
The Chief Engineer is empowered with the consent of the foreman or senior officer of the company to remove any machinery which in his judgment may require repairing.
ART. 23.
All contested elections for engineers shall be decided by vote of the Board of Delegates; and, should a tie vote occur in the office of Assistant Engineers, the rank of same shall be decided by vote of the Board of Delegates.

ART. 24.
Any member of the Board of Delegates being absent from regular or special meetings of the same, sickness or absence from the city alone being sufficient excuse, shall be fined two dollars, provided said meetings are called as directed in article 8.

ART. 25.
Any member of the board being absent two consecutive regular meetings, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Board to report the same to the company which he represents, with the request that he be withdrawn, and another delegate elected in his stead.

ART. 26.
Alterations of this constitution must lie over one meeting, only be proposed and made at a regular meeting, and be passed by two-thirds of the Delegates of the Board concurring. The same proceedings shall be held upon appeals coming up, but only require a quorum of one-fourth.
On motion, the Secretary was requested to furnish the Chief Engineer with a copy of the constitution to send to the State Legislature.

On motion, Vigilant Engine Company was admitted to the Department, and No. 9 assigned.
First Assistant—John Curry.
Second Assistant—Thomas P. Vallau.
Secretary—John D. Blucme.
Treasurer—Eugene De Lessor.
Located on Stockton street.

On motion, Hook and Ladder Company No. 2 was disbanded, and declared no longer attached to the Department.
On motion, adjourned to Thursday evening, 15th inst, at 8 o'clock. J. L. VAN BOKKELLEN, Secretary.

Monument to the late President of the New York Fire Department.
We take from the N. Y. Leader, the following description of the Monument erected to the memory of William D. Wade, late President of the New York Department. When shall we be able to chronicle the erection of a similar one, over the remains of Dougherty and Murray?

THE WADE MONUMENT.
The committee having this work in charge have creditably performed their duties, and a monument has been erected in Firemen's Hall to the memory of William D. Wade, late President of the Fire Department, which is in perfect union with the acts of our noble institution. A more fitting token of regard for the man could not well be designed, and the Department will appreciate the labors of the committee, and the employment in its erection. The tablet or monument reflects great credit on the choice of the committee, for the selection of a design so appropriate for the place and object—the memory of one who in the full vigor of youth and manhood, was called upon to perform duties here below to join his Maker in a brighter sphere, not however, until he had by his talent, energy and devotedness to the Department, and the amiable acts of his private life won the regard and friendship of all who knew him.

The monument is placed in the wall immediately opposite the Speaker's desk, the top of it being somewhat over 13 feet in height from the floor; the lower part, or body of the monument is decorated with three panels—the central panel containing richly sculptured figures in bold relief, representing the widow and orphans made glad by the Angel of Mercy presenting them with the ample means of relief provided by the Fire Department; on either side are the appropriate insignia—the trumpet, torches, signal, hooks and ladders, hydrant, hose, fire cap, &c., all arranged and carved in pleasing harmony. The whole of the body of the monument occupies a space of 6 1/2 feet in width, being of the best Carrara marble, and resting on a heavy base of Nemiol marble. The uppermost part of the monument is somewhat Grecian in style, being of a tablet form, in the center of which is sculptured a fine medallion head, being a good likeness of the late President, modeled from a daguerrotype and sculptured with great precision and art, the tablet resting on a heavy base moulded over which is a heavy pediment surmounted by an Urn, from which drops a shower of massive ivory folds, emblematic of the purity of character and life of him to whose cherished memory this tribute of esteem is erected. The whole of the upper part of the monument being placed on black marble, highly polished, gives character and effect to the whole, which is at once decided and pleasing.

It is here but due to the house of Fisher, Bird, & Co., who have designed and executed this piece of work, to say that it is in accordance with the style and finish for which the have been justly celebrated for the last quarter of a century.
The inscription on the tablet, immediately underneath the medallion, is in gilt letters. It reads as follows:

IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM DURAND WADE.
Born January 18th 1826.
Died January 11th 1856.
Aged 29 years, 11 months, and 24 days.
On the base stone of the monument is the following inscription, also in gilt letters:
"This monument is erected by the Fire Department of the City of New York—of which he was President at the time of his death—as a tribute to his faithful devoted attention to its usefulness and prosperity."

We would here remark that we know of no monument that has been erected in any church or public building in the city; that can at all compare with the cost and beauty of design of the one just erected in the Firemen's Hall, and of which the Department and city may justly be proud.

An exchange paper, under the head of "Good Advice," advises young men to "wrap themselves up in their virtue." A contemporary well says: "Many of them would freeze to death if they had no warmer covering."

Boston.
DEATH OF CHIEF ENGINEER ELISHA SMITH, JR. It is our painful duty to record the death of one of our most gallant firemen, who was known to all as one of those shining lights rarely found even in the Fire Department. In our last issue, when we stated that Captain Smith was recovering, we little thought that in another week we should be called upon to chronicle him among the dead. After an illness of but about two weeks of typhoid fever and constipation of the bowels, he died at his residence on Monday morning last, at half-past three o'clock, aged 41 years.

He had long been a resident of this city, and was connected with the Fire Department many years. In the month of October, 1846, he joined Eagle 12, in the old Department, and in June, the next year, was chosen Foreman of that company, which office he filled to the acceptance of all concerned. In October, 1848, he was elected an Assistant Engineer, and continued in that office until 1854, when he was elected Chief.

His death being known, on Monday, at 12 o'clock, the alarm was sounded by the fire telegraph, and the members connected with the various companies assembled at their respective engine houses, when the sad news was made known to them.

At the funeral of the deceased took place at the Pine Street Church on Wednesday afternoon. The services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Dexter. The coffin, which was a very beautiful mahogany one, was placed in front of the pulpit. On its top appeared roses and myrtles, and the silver trumpet awarded to Engine No. 3, of which company Mr. Smith was formerly captain; also the fire coat and hat of a deceased. The silver pipe upon the coffin bore the following inscription: "Elisha Smith, Jr., Chief Engineer of the Boston Fire Department, died Nov. 24th, 1856, aged 41 years."

After the services of the church, the funeral cortege formed in the following order:
A detachment of the city police, with the fire pole of the Chief Marshal—J. C. Hubbard.
The Boston Fire Company, viz:—
Engine Companies: Ex-Webster 13, Capt. Henry A. H. 12, Capt. Oliver R. Robbins; 11, Capt. Henry A. H. 10, Capt. Joseph B. Baker; 9, Captain John P. Southerby; 8, Captain Charles F. Slattuck; 7, Capt. Charles C. Henry. Hydrant Companies Nos. 6, Capt. Joseph Barnes; 5, Capt. William H. Ford; 3, Capt. John A. Ryan; 2, Captain M. E. Thompson; 1, Capt. Charles E. Dutton. Hook and Ladder Companies No. 3, Capt. O. F. Marshall; 2, Capt. Charles Simmons; 1, Capt. Jeremiah S. Stevens. Engine Companies Nos. 6, Capt. Benjamin L. Bailey; 5, Captain William A. Rumery; 4, Capt. John S. Dammell; 3, Capt. Edward W. Milliken; 2, Capt. Daniel Weston, Jr.; 1, Capt. W. H. Cunningham. Ex-Companies Nos. 12, 2, 1.

THE COFFIN.
Pall Bearers—Capt. Barnicot, Train, Poore, Sanderson, Jacobs, Jones, Stevens, Clark, Green, Shelton, Quinn, and Shaw.
Family Members
Board of Engineers Boston Fire Department, viz: Messrs S. C. Clark, George W. Bird, Nathl. W. Pratt, James Dunbar, David Chamberlain, Richard S. Martin, George F. Hubbard, David C. Mahan, Frederick A. Colburn.

City Government and Heads of Departments.
Past Engineers of Boston Fire Department
Engineers of Roxbury, Charlestown, Chelsea, Cambridge and Dorchester.
Visiting Companies from other places.
Firemen and Citizens of Boston.
A portion of Silsbee Lodge No. 2, I. O. O. F.

The cortege proceeded directly to the Cemetery in the North, arriving at which place the funeral was held in a long line, right and left of the grave, and the coffin and the mourners passed up the entrance of the Cemetery, where the coffin was placed on a bier.

All had an opportunity to take a farewell look at the deceased. While the procession was moving the Telegraph Fire Alarm was tolled.
Thus has closed the career of a man unusually beloved.—Boston Dispatch.

Baltimore.
The annexed letter we take from the New York Mercury of Nov. 23:
BALTIMORE, Nov. 19, 1856.
Deftford Engine Company No. 4, are located in the eastern section of the city, on the corner of Gough and Dallas streets. They have a fine brick front house, three stories high, surmounted with a handsome steeple, in which hangs their bell, weighing 2,100 pounds. The first floor is occupied by their apparatus, consisting of a nine-inch second-class spouting engine, a suction engine, and two tenders; also 1,500 feet of hose in serviceable condition, whilst the second floor is neatly fitted up for meetings and other purposes, the third floor being used for sitting, smoking, &c. The roll calls for sixty-five active members, whilst they have an association numbering thirty-six members, known as "Minute men," under the supervision of other than the company officers. Owing to their bunk-room not being fitted up, they are at present without bunkers, but when occasion calls they can always be found at the rope. Their engine, styled "Chief," was built in 1850, by Rodgers, and fully comes up to the mark when called upon to test her working powers.

The burning of a row of houses in the western section of the city has caused our insurance men to offer \$1,000 reward for the arrest of incendiaries. I hope it may induce our "M. F."s to lay wide awake for the jail birds, thereby saving the insurance companies losses, and preventing a repetition of last winter's hard duty on our firemen.

The press are strongly advocating the introduction in our city of the fire telegraph, similar to that in operation in Philadelphia. I think the Council will give the matter consideration at the coming session.

In alluding to Engine Co. 3, in my last letter, I find that I was mistaken in relation to the working qualities of the hose engine, the members being, except an occasional very tame and peevish alligator. To such a visitor she may be induced to recite classic verses, until she moves him to shed crocodile-tears.

Interesting Statistics.
The New York Leader gives the following list of the different occupations of the members of the Fire Department of the city:

Engineers.	4 Engine Companies.	14 Hook & Ladder Co's.	4 Hydrant Companies.	Total.
Artist,	5	5	5	15
Baker,	12	7	1	20
Boatman,	2	2	1	5
Bookbinder,	20	10	6	36
Broker,	1	2	8	11
Builder,	6	7	9	22
Butcher,	69	26	7	102
Cabinet Maker,	1	51	31	83
Carpenter,	1	129	95	225
Carriage Maker,	24	7	2	33
Carver,	5	1	1	7
Cartmen,	122	93	24	239
Cashier,	2	2	2	6
Caulker and Ship Builder,	78	43	7	128
Clerks,	140	166	77	383
Collector of Assessments,	1	1	1	3
Cooper,	29	20	1	50
Constable,	1	1	1	3
Contractors,	11	3	4	18
Coroner,	1	1	1	3
Custom House Officers,	1	1	1	3
Copper and Brass Worker,	23	23	2	48
Express,	8	10	4	22
Engineers,	2	2	2	6
Engraver,	2	2	2	6
Fire Engine Builder,	4	1	1	6
Gas Fitter,	6	7	1	14
Goldsmith,	4	6	3	13
Householder,	6	6	2	14
Hair Dresser,	5	2	3	10
Hatter,	1	15	10	26
Insurance Employees,	1	8	2	11
Iron Workers,	1	75	49	125
Jeweler,	1	12	29	42
Lawyer,	4	3	1	8
Merchant,	109	114	41	264
Mail Carriers,	5	3	2	10
Mason and Plasterers,	70	28	15	113
Machinist,	1	30	29	60
Markets,	14	13	3	30
Newspapers,	14	3	2	19
Oyster Dealers,	1	13	13	27
Painters,	55	40	9	104
Plumbers,	1	38	17	56
Printers,	42	13	5	60
Physicians,	2	2	2	6
Receiver of Taxes,	1	2	1	4
Shoemaker,	2	1	2	5
Stone and Marble Cutters,	30	15	6	51
Saddler and Harness,	7	5	3	15
Silver Worker,	12	14	5	31
Shoe Makers,	14	10	2	26
Straight Cutters,	9	2	1	12
Street Inspector,	2	1	1	4
Secretary R. R. Company,	1	1	1	3
Type Founders,	7	7	2	16
Tinsmith,	18	12	5	35
Watchmakers,	2	2	1	5
Miscellaneous,	1	155	134	330
	14	1544	1128	3600

Theatrical Soraps.
Mrs. Ritchie, formerly Mowatt, has re-appeared in her professional capacity and delivered a dramatic reading at a private mansion in Fifth Avenue, New York. Tickets \$2—proceeds to be devoted to charitable purposes.

Barnum left the Baltic November 21, with on the Neck, arriving at which place the funeral was held in a long line, right and left of the grave, and the coffin and the mourners passed up the entrance of the Cemetery, where the coffin was placed on a bier.

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My Dear Mr. Fuller:
Last season dozens, nay, hundreds of people came to the door and merely gave the name of some paper. The doorkeeper having received instructions to show every courtesy to the gentlemen of the press, thought it correct, and they passed. Now these people, I found out at last, were in no way connected with the papers, but had found the "Open Sesame" accidentally. It was to guard against this, I asked as a favor to me that the press would give one of their cards. Should any of them be without them, the doorkeeper has some ready. It may be a little trouble, but when it prevents a great loss and fraud, will you not understand my true meaning and lend me your co-operation? I am sure you will.

With best regards,
Very truly yours,
LAURA KEENE.
Most assuredly. Anything to keep our "dead heads." And if the Press and the Managers will come to an understanding to abolish the mutual "free system," as it is called, we shall regard it as an important move in the right direction. As matters are now conducted, we doubt if a single newspaper in the city gets paid for the composition of "theatrical matter."—N. Y. Weekly Mirror.

Mrs. Monplaisir and Mons. Epiphanos have been added to the Antoine and Jerome Ravel Troupe.
Sanford's Opera Troupe performed "Polka-hunt" at Odd Fellows' Hall, West Philadelphia, and from there proceeded in sledges to their own country, and repeated it last Thursday evening.
M'Liz EACHEL has left Marselles for Alexandria, where she will pass the winter on board a vessel, at anchor in the Nile, and will not go ashore. Crocodiles are strictly prohibited from entering her boudoir, except an occasional very tame and peevish alligator. To such a visitor she may be induced to recite classic verses, until she moves him to shed crocodile-tears.

Mr. FORESTER is playing at the Boston theatre, to over-crowded houses, of course.
WE LEARN from the Post, that Miss May, a niece of Mr. Gale, editor of the Anti-Slavery Telegraph, and whose successful appearance in opera at Verona and Milan, has already been noticed by the press, was expected to arrive in the city, but has been detained in Paris by professional engagements. She may be expected during the coming winter, when her countrymen and countrywomen will have an opportunity of enjoying the talents which she possesses, and is reported to have cultivated with great success.

THERE HAS BEEN a suit between M. Verdi, the composer, and the manager of the Italian opera, Paris, in consequence of the former intending the latter from playing "Trovatore," "Macbeth," &c., at the Paris Italian opera, and M. Verdi's intention was dissolved, and he was sentenced to pay the manager \$200 damages.

Col. WALLACE, of the Phila. Soc., says:—It is a matter of congratulation that Mr. Cushman, Mrs. Wallack, Mr. Mumford, and other established American favorites, have dared so decided an impression upon English audiences. While we are supplying the British stage with attraction, it has nothing at present to offer us in return. The tide turned, and our artists may look towards London as a mine of wealth, as an equivalent for the fortunes made by British mediocrity in our country.

BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES OF NEW YORK.
The election for officers of the Board of Representatives of the New York Fire Department was to take place on Dec. 7. The N. Y. Leader gives the following list of candidates:
For President: Mr. Milliken is the only candidate—John S. Belcher, the present occupant of the position, declining a re-election. For Vice-President: John Gillilan, present Secretary, and Stephen Burkhart, of Hose 25. For Secretary: W. H. Wickham, of H. and L. 15, Wm. A. Woodhill, of Hose 36, and C. L. Curtis, of H. and L. 1. For Treasurer: Harry Howard, John B. Miller, Wm. H. Williams, Jas. Barnore, and A. F. Oberhausen. For Treasurer: John S. Giles, as usual, has no opposition.

Wit and Sentiment.
An enthusiastic admirer of the Car was repeatedly saying to a stranger, "The Car is great." "Yes," was the reply, "but that is not the point," exclaimed the Russian, "but the Car is great." "The Car is great," said the girl's heels said when she wore them stockings.
"You're just in time," was the watch-spoken said to the flea which crept in at the key-hole.
"At a Fair down East, the reporter, under the head of domestic arrangements gives the following item: 'Best comforter—Miss Susan Thompson.'"
"Never take a paper more than ten years without paying for it. If it cost you five cents, the paper insists on having his pay, be sure to stop the paper in disgust."

It is estimated that the number of smokers in Paris is 425,000, and that they consume annually 157,500,000 cigars.
"A ladies' seamless skirt is advertised. Good. Anything which will make them seem less welcome."

The New York Times estimates the cost of the recent election at \$250,000,000.
A good story is told of a Yankee who went for the first time in a howling alley, and kept firing away at the pins to the main front of the boys, who so far from having anything to do with setting up the pins, was actively engaged in endeavoring to avoid the balls of the player, which rattled on all sides of the pins without touching them. At length the fellow seeing the predicament the boy was in, yelled out, as he let drive another ball, "and if among the pins, if you don't want to get hit!"

Bos Mor—Murphy, the witty member of the London Bar, at a recent dinner party, pushed a bottle of old port across the table to a distinguished Cornor, who snatched his lips over it most complacently, and pronounced it very fine. "AB," said the wag, "I thought you would like it, for there's a body in it."

In one of the country theatres in the interior of the state of New York, Shakespeare's Hamlet was performed for the first time—and at the end of the play, one or two who knew what a white necktie was, and who were in the habit of wearing one, were formerly a grocer and but slightly posted in such matters, assured the audience that the author was not in the house, and he presumed modestly kept him at home.

The London Times is valued at \$24,700,000. Its chief editor has a salary of \$25,000 a year, and its Paris correspondent \$10,000. The value of the Dispatch and the salary of its principal editor, are a trifle below these figures.

A lady in Oregon, in writing to a friend in this city, says that cattle in that region live to such great age, their owners have to fasten long poles to the end of their horns, for the wrinkles to run out on!

"Sloum, how is it to-day—can you take that note up?" "I'm sorry to say I can't—never was so cramped in my life." "By the way, you are always cramped, are you not?" "I'm sorry to say I am; and yet there is a natural cause for it." "What is that?" "Why, I was weaned on green apples and watermelon."

An advertisement in one of the morning papers says: "Wanted—A female who has a knowledge of fitting boots of a good moral character." We suppose boots of a good moral character mean those that are well soled.

Some kinds of coloring have become conventional at among the newspaper reporters. If a child is run over, he is always "a remarkably fine little boy." A man who beats his wife is always "a thick-set, sullen rascal." A magistrate is always "worshipful." A prisoner is always "impatient." The windmill always "fashionably dressed," and a complaining lady always "prepossessing."

A "gentleman of refinement

The Fireman's Journal

AND MILITARY GAZETTE.
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The Consolidation Bill.

The *Alta* of January 1st publishes a table of the expenses of the city and county, for the six months ending Jan. 1st 1857, and with the usual unblushing effrontery of that paper, states that \$725,927, has been saved under the Consolidation Government in six months. We deny it and challenge the *Alta* to its proofs.

Is it a saving, because the current expenses of the Fire Department have only been \$4559, not on account of its being economically managed, but for the reason that only \$8000 per annum was allowed for the extinguishment of fires, and the difference whatever it may be, borne by the members of the Department individually? And that the astute writer in the *Alta* calls saving, we call it in Anglo Saxon, premeditated downright robbery; and no journal has contained stronger appeals against such robbery of the Firemen than the *Alta* itself.

Is it a saving that the citizens should be called upon to subscribe ten thousand dollars for the purchase of hose, when they have already been taxed for the purpose? We call that a robbery, just as well as the other. Horace Hawes for buncombe after the close in the Consolidation Bill legalizing the Van Ness ordinance was lost, to make a show of virtue which he did not possess, managed to introduce on paper a reduction of taxes. At the same time he knew full well the expenses of the government would be greater; but that for the purpose of keeping up an organization like the Fire Department, which he despised, the people would subscribe liberally, and although the amounts so contributed would bring their taxation up to the old rate, still, it being paid out by subscription, they would not notice it, and that the name of Horace Hawes would be proclaimed with loud hosannahs, for having reduced the taxes of the people of San Francisco, when his own property in the city and county, only amounted to \$14,000. Disinterested man that Horace Hawes. Is it a saving that Major Cowing the water contractor, who has faithfully performed his duty for more than a year, keeping the citizens filled with water, as a protection to the property of the people, should be defrauded out of \$1900, the value of that work on a technicality?

Is it a saving that James E. Nuttman Esq., the late Chief Engineer, should be defrauded out of \$990,55, being an amount for which he is responsible, for work and labor performed on the apparatus of the Fire Department, the benefit from which, the people long ago received?

Is it a saving that the firemen individually, should be called upon to pay \$8100 for the care of their apparatus, when the city by everything that is fair, honorable and just, is in duty bound to pay it? We call that a robbery, not a saving.

These are items which can only affect the Fire Department, but we might go outside and ask the same questions relative to other matters.

Is it a saving to defraud John T. Street, and A. J. Hess, out of \$212, for erecting the protection around the polls on the day when the Reform Party were elected into office, on the ground that the Consolidation Bill did not particularize any such expenditure? Having them to wait until the surplus fund has that amount to its credit, amounts to the same thing as defrauding them out of it, for every one knows that fund will not in years have a dollar to its credit; and by the time a man gets used to waiting for it, he will be like the horse, which just as it got accustomed to eating shavings with green spectacles to make it look like grass, he died.

And so we might go on and enumerate an hundred other incidents which the Consolidation Bill has a bearing upon, the result of which the *Alta* would call a saving, and we would call a robbery.

While on the subject will the *Alta*, inform the people if it approves the plan of Horace Hawes to shut up the public schools, for six months for the purpose of allowing him to make a reputation of saving the "dear people's" money? And would the *Alta* call such a course, a saving of the people's money, or a downright fraud and robbery upon the children who seek the advantages which those institutions afford in obtaining that, which every child of any ambition desires—a good education?

Another Farce.

The Board of Supervisors of this city, with a desire to emulate the authorities of the city of Stockton, who imposed a tax of \$115 per quarter on all retail liquor dealers, have passed an ordinance to the effect that no liquor shall be sold on Sunday, except upon the order of a regularly graduated physician, under severe penalties. The thing is so perfectly preposterous, that we get out of all patience in writing about it. It is a well known fact that every liquor dealer is licensed so much per quarter, Sundays included in the tax; and the idea of his not having the liberty, in a free country (although we begin to doubt its freedom) to sell at whatever time he pleases under that license, becomes a broad farce. The ordinance or order whatever it may be, is clearly unconstitutional and can never be enforced legally, although it may be on the principle that might makes right. The order should be treated with contempt by those whom its mandates will oppress. The old law laws are coming back upon us with a vengeance; and it would not surprise us at all, if excise men were appointed to visit the houses of our citizens at all hours of the day or night to see whether they had any *vin de vie* in their possession, without the order of that regularly graduated physician. We think we see a "nigger in the fence" in that por-

tion of the ordinance. Wont there be another ordinance passed, naming a certain physician as the regularly graduated one whereby time may be saved; as it would be a great deal of trouble for every physician to show his diploma, that he was regularly graduated, whenever a sick man, required a quarter's worth of the blood of O-Tard Esq. We never knew of a reform yet, but that overreached itself, and the present "Reforms," as represented by the Board of Supervisors, is just at the brink of condemnation, and will require but very little more to push it over the precipice.

By the way speaking of the unconstitutionality of the above ordinance, we take the liberty of asking Supervisor Denny, if it is constitutional to break the Plaza lamps, during a meeting of citizens called to discuss the topics of the day, particularly when the act is committed to disturb the assemblage there convened?

Geo. H. Hossefross.

This gentleman, Foreman of Monumental No. 6, left for the Atlantic States on a short visit, by the steamer J. L. Stephens. Mr. H. returns to the east accompanied by his aged mother, who he is anxious to place among his relatives at home. Prior to her dissolution which must soon take place. After settling her comfortably, he designs returning at once to this city, and in connection with another well known gentleman, engage in business immediately. On the Saturday evening prior to his departure, Mr. Hossefross was presented by the members of No. 6, with a heavy gold and quartz headed memento case bearing the following inscription:

"Presented by the members of Monumental Engine Company No. 6, to their Foreman Geo. H. Hossefross Jan. 1st 1857."

A series of Resolutions complimentary to Mr. H. were also adopted, and by a vote of the company, a large size ambrotype picture of him has been taken which will in future adorn the wall of their beautiful Hall. We understand that the resignation of Mr. Hossefross as foreman, though tendered, was not accepted, and that Mr. Silverthorn the present First Assistant, will act as foreman during his temporary absence; also that Mr. Joseph Capprisse, late Assistant Engineer, has been appointed second assistant foreman to fill the vacancy occasioned by the temporary promotion of the other officers.

The *Alta* and Ourselves.

THE REPORT OF MR. NUTTMAN.—We are informed that when the report of Chief Engineer Nuttman was presented to the Board of Supervisors, that immaculate body refused to notice it or have it read, and refused to have it published; and had it not been for the interference of some of Mr. Nuttman's friends, the Board of Supervisors would have suppressed it. We demand from Mr. Burr, the President of that body, in the name of the Department, the reason why Mr. Nuttman and the body he represented were so disgracefully insulted by the body of which he is the President?

The *Journal* is either misinformed relative to the facts, or else disposed to create ill-feeling between the Department and the Board of Supervisors. We changed to be present when the Report was submitted, and we know that the Board did not refuse to notice it or have it read, nor in any other way treat the Report, its author, nor the Fire Department with disrespect. The Report was received and, like all other official documents, ordered to be placed on file. The reading of the Report was dispensed with, just as the reading of reports from other departments are dispensed with, when the subject matter does not call for action. The publication was not refused neither was it asked. We do not know what the *Journal* means by "suppressing" the report. But whatever that process may be or might have been, we certainly discovered no disposition on the part of the Board to "suppress" it—neither did we observe any effort on the part of anybody to prevent its "suppression."

The Board may, for aught we know, have been actuated, individually and collectively, by a desire to "disgracefully insult" Mr. Nuttman and the Fire Department; but they certainly refrained from the manifestation of any such desire, either by words or acts, in the matter of the report, or any other matter. Under those circumstances, we think the demand upon Mr. Burr to give a reason for the insult that was not given, is rather a stringent demand—it is hard to comply with. Perhaps, if the Editor of the *Journal* would be at the pains to get the facts of a case before commenting upon them, his comments would have more applicability and greater force.

The remarks upon the article from this paper of December 26th, were published in the *Alta* of December 28th, and this is the first opportunity we have had to reply. The *Journal* was not misinformed relative to the facts of the case; neither is it disposed to create trouble between the Department and the Board of Supervisors. The whole course of this paper indicates that those who conduct it, do not desire to make trouble between any organization and the people; we leave that for such papers as the *Alta*; it has had more experience in disorganization than we have, as its course since May has shown. We don't care whether the writer in the *Alta* was present or not when the report of Mr. Nuttman was presented to the Board of Supervisors, and we reiterate, it was not treated as it should have been, and there was an evident desire to keep it from the public. The discourtesy manifested on the part of the Supervisors, was the topic of conversation among the firemen, particularly the intimate friends of Mr. N., for several days, who felt chagrined that he should be treated in the manner he was. We refer the writer in the *Alta* to the editorial in the *Town Talk* of December 17th, written by M. M. Noah, Esq., associate editor of that paper, touching the disrespectful manner with which the Supervisors treated Mr. Nuttman's report, and our principal information relative to the matter was obtained from the above named gentleman. So fearful was Mr. Whitney, the present Chief Engineer, that his report would be kicked out, as was Mr. Nuttman's, that he made arrangements to have it published himself, and that is the reason it found its way in the *Alta* of December 26th.

As to our apologizing to Mr. Burr, because the Board of Supervisors of which he is President, saw fit to insert the Department and Mr. Nuttman, and we dared to publish it, is singular, to say the least of it. Instead of our apologizing, we have a strong intention of publishing the particulars of an interview between the Board and Chief Engineer Whitney, that would place the former in a very ridiculous position before the community and the firemen particularly, "the members of No. 9, might then know they were running a Baltimore engine, and that it would be a good thing to sell her, to procure another for Manhattan."

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THE TEMPERANCE MARCH.—We have received the first number of a new temperance paper bearing the above title. It is edited by W. B. Taylor, and published by Oliver B. Torrell. The publisher is an old friend, and we wish him and the cause he advocates all the success it merits.

Editorial Correspondence.

COLUMBIA, Jan. 6, 1857.

Between this place and Sonora the distance is four miles, and yet it comprises the worst part of the road between the latter place and Sacramento, a distance of one hundred miles. I rode on the outside of the stage alongside of Calvin, the driver (not the reformer), and had a fine opportunity not only to see, but feel the effects of the unevenness of the ride. From the time of the stage leaving Sonora, even unto the town of Columbia itself, it was a grand combination of jolts, jumps, swings, and rolls. The road is very generally used by teamsters, and in nine cases out of ten, the wagons being heavily loaded, mire, and the teamsters dig them out, and of course leave immense holes in the road, which they have neither the time nor inclination to fill up. A day or two of rain renders the spot of a soft, depressing nature, looking for all the world as if it was solid, which fact is usually found out, when the stages mire to an extent rather annoying to weak nerves. In crossing from this place a few days since when the rain was falling in torrents the stage mire; of course the gentlemen were compelled to get out and assist in setting the mud wagon afloat again. Being well provided with an India-rubber covering, the rain had no effect upon me, although it made others drip all over. After a number of ineffectual efforts to start the machine, several of the party proceeded back to the Half-Way House and procuring shovels, in the language of Professor Birch, dug themselves out. Among the passengers was a Milesian, and it seems that the movement of our craft, for there was water enough to float her, would not admit of his sitting quiet, and it must have offended one of his fellow-passengers, for I heard on the outside the following conversation:

"Why in h—l don't you get still, and not be banging about in that kind of way?"

"Be still, d'you mane? He jabs, how can I kape still when the blasted thing keeps having and pitching the likes of it. Be still, is it? whist, yespaleen-ye know I can't!"

Columbia is a very pleasant little place, and looks to be about the size of Sonora, although its houses are more scattered. It has a number of very fine brick buildings, several churches, one built of brick, devoted to the Catholics, a Theatre, and a Concert Room. There is more of the appearance of a New England town about Columbia, than any place I have yet seen in the State. The population appears to be of quiet, studious habits, of good business capacity, and by no means extravagant. The town is well situated, adjacent to a large mining district and considerable business is done here, although there is not that activity perceptible now which there will be in a few weeks when the dust begins to come down. Springfield, Shaw's Flat, Table Mountain, and Gold Spring are the nearest mining points of interest.

Columbia has a Hose Company and a Hook and Ladder Company, which at present form the Fire Department. The formation of an Engine Company is also contemplated here. The place is supplied with water, in the same manner, that Sonora is, and on no more than one occasion it has been very serviceable. The expedition to Sonora, Mexico, has taken away about twenty of the Columbians. Several of them left on yesterday afternoon. A large number assembled at the stage office to witness their departure. One of the party leaving, whom I shall call "Ben," did not appear to entertain any regret at his departure, neither did he to my mind seem to hold a very deep affection for the people. As the stage was leaving and in answer to "Adieu, Ben," he replied:

"Well good-bye boys, and may God take a liking to you, for I never could."

Dr. T. J. Oxley, member of the last Legislature from Tuolumne county, was of the party and is Captain of one of the companies which form the expedition. It is intended that the whole party, numbering from eight hundred to one thousand men, shall sail positively on the 15 inst, for Guaymas, to which place Rayen Esq., has already gone as an Agent. The whole force will concentrate at the point above named, and the leaders will be in the footsteps of former expeditionists, and land in straggling parties. That is as it should be; for although it is said the citizens of Guaymas have invited them there, they should put no faith in their promises, but should have a force concentrated at one point and of course effective. Each man is to be provided with rifle, six-shooter, and knife. About twenty-five have or will leave Sonora on the same expedition, and they comprise some excellent men. We hope all their plans will be thoroughly matured before landing at Guaymas. After the rain, which continued so long, the weather for the past two days had been surprisingly beautiful, but very cold. Heavy frosts at night, and thick ice in the streets in the morning. It will have the effect of drying the roads in some places, but for several days the wheeling will be bad, as the mud will be stiff and difficult for the animals to wade through. I shall leave to-morrow morning for Mokelumne Hill, and anticipate a very pleasant ride.

I learn that Mrs. Hayne, and the theatrical troupe, which accompany her, arrived in Sonora yesterday at 2 o'clock P. M. That is the entire party. They left Stockton at 2 A. M., on Sunday and arriving at Mount Springs late at night, found it impossible to proceed further. Mrs. Hayne and child, Mrs. Judah, and Dr. Hayne, remained at that place one night and were made quite comfortable. The remainder of the party consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Rand, Mr. Ryer, and Mr. Pope, pushed on in hopes of reaching Sonora in good time, but within a few miles of the haven where they wished to be, the stage broke down, and the whole party were exposed to the pitiless pelting of the cold storm for two hours. I am told it was a tragedy, and comedy combined, with a slight equestrian accompaniment. No orchestra was required, the deep base of Pope, the baritone of Ryer, the falsetto of Rand, and the soprano of Mrs. Rand, all united in one grand opening chorus. They did not require music, for there were "books in the running book." Pope led off by singing "Charley over the water." There was no curtain to roll up or down, that of the stage being stationary, no scene shifter was required, the changes were too rapid for mortal man to make. The scenery was all natural, Fairchild was outdone, there were real trees, rocks and water, the canopy was fleecy and cloud like, the moon struggling to peer through it. There were houses and lights in the distance, the wings and fly, were of birds and insects. The audience was of most respectable one, and applauded vehemently, as the splashing of mud and water gave evidence, the oxen were finely made, but those intolerable nuisances at all theatrical entertainments "stage wags," were unbearable in this instance, and an apology was made, that the piece (of pole) being new, and for the first time presented by that company, the machinery was somewhat disarranged. At last after five acts had been used up, the cold stream

the audience becoming impatient, the stage was moved on, and the performances closed by a feat of equestrianism performed by Mr. Pope. It was a one horse act, (harcaked) and that gentleman fearlessly mounting one of the stage horses (how appropriate) rode gallantly into Sonora.

The whole party reached their destination at 2 P. M. on yesterday, after having been thirty six hours making sixty five miles. Last night at Sonora "Fazio" was performed; to-night "Camille" is to be presented, and to-morrow night the "Hunchback." They will perform in Columbia and Jackson, and then proceed to Marysville, visiting Oroville, Nevada, Auburn, Placerville and Sacramento before returning to San Francisco. Last night the theatre at Sonora was crowded to overflowing by an appreciative audience.

The Graves of Dougherty and Murray.

On the outside will be found a description of the monument lately erected to the memory of the President of the New York Fire Department. The article is copied from the *New York Leader*, and its perusal should cause the blush of shame to tingle on the cheeks of every San Francisco fireman.

Mr. Wade did not die while in the discharge of his duty, although his early decease was superinduced by exposure to all weathers in the fulfillment of his calling as a fireman, but yet his brethren, without waiting for outside assistance, caused, as soon as the work could be executed, a tablet of marble to be placed in Fireman's Hall, in respect to his memory.

The firemen of San Francisco should attentively read the inscription on that tablet, and then they may be able to feel how far they have forgotten their duty to their brave comrades, Dougherty and Murray, whose remains now lie mouldering within the sacred precincts of the church yard at the Mission.

We shall pursue this subject until a disposition is manifested on the part of the firemen to do their duty, and particularly Monumental and Columbian 11, the members of which companies are most interested, and we again ask the question: How long, firemen of San Francisco, will you neglect the graves of Dougherty and Murray?

MAGUIRE'S OPERA HOUSE.

The engagement by Mr. Maguire of Messrs. Franklin and Fisher, seems likely to become a lucky hit. Large audiences have visited the Opera House during the past week to witness their astonishing performances. Fisher's *la perche* is truly great; and Franklin's performance on the *corde volante*, reminds us of the old Hippodrome times; when our heart has left into our throat at seeing him, when at full swing, jump from the rope, and smiling with fold-arms suspended only by his ankles, swing until he almost touched the stage with his hair. This feat alone is worth more than the price of admission. Add to this the new Senatorial feature introduced by Birch, and the visit will result in an absolute profit to you. Go at once, for the engagement of Messrs. Franklin & Fisher is limited.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

The origin of the fire on Tuesday last still remains a mystery. Any number of conflicting accounts are told by the parties immediately interested. The story of Mrs. Nias, the occupant of the house partially burned, is that she went into the house of Miss Scott, (the one consumed) and not finding any one below, proceeded up stairs just in time to see the little child of Mrs. S., drop into the clothes press a box of lighted matches; the clothing became immediately ignited and she ran down and gave the alarm. Mrs. Scott on the contrary, states that she had been out for a few moments, leaving the child in a room that there were no matches in the house, nor any fire in the stove; that the child being a mere infant, it was impossible for it to have caused the fire, also that on her entering the house, Mrs. Nias came leisurely down stairs and informed her that the clothes press was on fire. Thus the matter stands at present neither the Chief nor ourselves were able to understand the position of things.

We suggest to the Chief of Police to make some enquiries in the matter, as Mr. Scott attributes the fire to an incendiary.

THE FIRST FIRE.

The fire on Tuesday last was the first at which the newly elected officers have officiated. We noticed that one of the Assistant Engineers was absent, and regretted to learn from certain remarks made on the ground that the officer in question had already given signs of great inattention to his official duties. This must not be. The officers of the Department are paid liberal salaries by our citizens, and their duties must be attended to. We trust that we shall not be obliged to recur to this subject again, but our admiration at present is, do your duty or resign!

MARION RIFLES.

This gallant corps, whose organization has been kept up during the whole of the difficulties which have agitated this community for the past few months, appeared at their armory in full uniform last evening, in honor of the "glorious 8th," and after going through their drill, joined their invited guests (among whom was a deputation of the Wallace Guards in uniform) in a bumper of champagne. The health of their first Capt. F. B. Schaffer, was drunk "with three times three." At an early hour they adjourned, all pleased with the first re-union of the military of San Francisco.

Report from Chief Engineer Whitney.

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER OF S. F. F. D.
January 8, 1857.

To the Honorable E. W. Burr, President of the Board of Supervisors:

I have the honor to hereby inform the Board of the accidents occurring to engines at the fire of the 6th inst, and the expense to be incurred in repairing the same. Engines No's. 2, 3, 10, 11, and 14, and Hook & Ladder Truck No. 2, were injured on the occasion; and the amount required to repair the same, is seventy dollars and fifty cents, as I have ascertained.

I respectfully ask an appropriation of this amount for the purpose specified. I deem that much promptness is necessary to keep every company in proper condition for active service, so as to enable us to meet and combat every emergency.

Respectfully submitted,
F. E. R. WHITNEY,
CHIEF ENGINEER S. F. F. D.

KNICKERBOCKER 5.—The annual meeting of this excellent company, was held on Monday evening last and resulted in the election of the following officers. E. B. Vreeland, Foreman; James Donavan 1st Assistant Foreman; Wm. Smith, 2d Assistant Foreman; Wm. Broadbush, Secretary; Wm. H. Talmage, Treasurer.

It will be seen that "Zeke the tall son of York," has been re-elected Foreman. If we know him intimately, which we think we do, he is one of the best boys among us, and under his guidance "Knickerbocker" will continue to prosper.

News from the Interior.

ELECTION.—At an annual Meeting of Knickerbocker Engine Company No. 5, of Sacramento held January 5, the following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year:

Foreman.....John C. Keenan.
First Assistant.....Wm. M. H. 2d
Second Assistant.....E. C. Hale
Recording Secretary.....J. S. Lee
Financial Secretary.....A. C. Bidwell.
Treasurer.....O. A. F. Gilbert

FIN.—The following gentlemen were last evening, elected officers of Young America Engine Co. No. 4, for the ensuing term:

Foreman.....Sylvester Marshall.
First Assistant.....George Eifer.
Second Assistant.....Anson Perry.
Secretary.....Robert T. Still.
Treasurer.....H. S. Burgess.
Sae, Union, Jan. 5.

NEW ENGINE.—Confidence Engine Company No. 1, of Sacramento forwarded per last steamer the order to John Agnew, for their new engine. She is to be of the Philadelphia style; second class, and no expense will be spared in her construction.

PERSONAL.—MARCUS D. BORUCK, Esq., Editor of the *Fireman's Journal*, paid a visit to our town this week, and called upon us. Mr. B. is a pleasant gentleman, and a good fireman. We wish him much success in canvassing for his paper.

The *Butte Record* in an article urging the importance of the purchase of a Fire Engine for that city, has the following statistics, which may prove of interest to other interior towns who may contemplate forming Fire organizations.

While in Marysville, we possessed ourselves of a few facts about the prices of engines, and were informed by Charles Ball Esq., lately Chief Engineer of the Department of that city, who has a list of prices from Mr. Button, a celebrated manufacturer in Waterford New York, that an engine of more than ordinary power, throwing three streams could be purchased for eleven hundred dollars, and hose at one carriage for about seventy-five, and hose at one dollar per foot. Eight hundred feet of hose would be sufficient for any ordinary fire, thus making the cost of an entire apparatus less than two thousand dollars, and certainly five hundred dollars more would pay the cost of transportation from New York to Oroville, thus putting us in possession of a first class engine, for twenty-five hundred dollars.

Manhattan Engine Co. No. 2.
The following communication was presented to the Board of Supervisors yesterday, and referred to the Fire and Water Committee:

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO:

Your petitioners, members and officers of Manhattan Fire Engine Co. No. 2, pray that your Honorable Body will authorize the Chief Engineer, F. E. R. Whitney, to sell our present large Engine which is now lying in our house perfectly useless to the company and city, as it takes too large a number of men to operate or run with in this city, and is now in perfect order; and it is the wish of the company that the Chief Engineer should do the best he can with her, and place the proceeds of sale of the same, to the credit of the company in the hands of the city towards the purchasing of a more suitable one, for the benefit of the city and company, and pray this may meet the approbation of your Honorable Body.

In behalf of officers and members of Manhattan Co. No. 2.

IRA COLE, FOREMAN.
PEP DAVID L. BECK.

San Francisco, Jan. 5, 1857.

Fires and Alarms for the Week.

Jan. 6-5 P. M. Alarm from Hall bell. Frame building on Union street, between Powell and Mason street. Building totally destroyed; adjoining building slightly injured. Cause of fire unknown. Entire department out.

BOARD OF DELEGATES.—The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Delegates, will be held at their chambers in the City Hall on Wednesday evening next, Jan. 14, at 7 o'clock. By order.

JACOB ECKHART,
Secretary S. F. F. D.

ST. FRANCIS H. & L. CO., No. 1.—At the regular monthly meeting held on Wednesday evening Jan. 7, Geo. W. Gibbs Esq., was elected President; Henry Bairochet, Second Assistant, vice James Knight resigned; T. C. Casas Secretary, vice J. Eckhartz resigned.

PENNSYLVANIA No. 12.—At a stated meeting of Pennsylvania Fire Co. No. 12, held on Wednesday evening, the following named persons were elected officers of the company for the ensuing year: President, Franklin L. Jones, Foreman, John Hanna; Asst. Foreman, John Robbins; Secretary, James S. Thomson, Treasurer, Thos. Tennent. Directors, J. Martin Reese, George Overn, John Dugan, Geo. W. McDonald, Franklin Edwards, Albert L. Beeler.

PACIFIC MUSEUM.—Go and see Adams, the great bear tamer, and Wirsan, the renowned snake charmer, at the museum. Great attractions are offered every evening. Fine seats are fitted up for the ladies, and an excellent band of music is in attendance each evening.

HAZARD'S GUNPOWDER.—E. H. Parker, Esq., No. 137 Front street, has this superior quality of powder for sale, together with sporting materials of all kinds, wholesale and retail. Country dealers would find it to their advantage to call on Mr. P. before purchasing elsewhere.

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